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### SPRECKELS SPEAKS OUT.

His Opinion of the Hawaiian  
Government and its organs.

Claus Spreckels was seen by a  
CALL reporter last night regard-  
ing his disposition of property in  
Hawaii and the situation of affairs  
generally in that country. Mr.  
Spreckels was not averse to ex-  
pressing himself. In fact, when  
it came to discussing the members  
of the Provisional Government  
and the alleged inspired utter-  
ances of the Star and Advertiser  
he grew embarrassingly eloquent,  
if we may use the expression. In  
lucid terms Mr. Spreckels por-  
trayed their crimes, committed  
and contemplated, and pictured a  
condition of affairs under the  
present Government that was  
anything but complimentary to  
those in power.

Mr. Spreckels' attention was  
called to an article in a recent  
issue of the Hawaiian Star, in  
which an alleged prominent em-  
ployee of his was quoted as ex-  
pressing himself as follows:

A prominent employee of Claus  
Spreckels, who recently came  
here from the coast, was in a  
Fort-Street store the other day  
and said that "the old man"  
had transferred all his property  
on these Islands to his sons and  
daughter, so as to put it beyond  
the reach of any possible con-  
fiscation.

"Colonel Spreckels is not going  
to Washington," said this em-  
ployee, "but he intends to remain  
at San Francisco and let the Ha-  
waiian politics alone. He is con-  
vinced that he made a great mis-  
take and took a decided risk  
when he came here to oppose an-  
nexation and badger the Govern-  
ment. He sees clearly enough  
that the Provisional authorities  
are giving Hawaii the best system  
of rule it ever had, and he begins  
to feel that annexation will win.  
In the meantime he knows that  
it will not pay him to kick against  
pricks."

"Doesn't the transfer mean  
that Mr. Spreckels is going to re-  
turn and make another campaign,  
secure in the belief that he can-  
not then be deprived of his island  
holding as a punishment?"

"Not at all! I happen to know  
that he intends to leave Hawaiian  
public affairs alone, and devote  
his business genius to things  
which will be more profitable to  
him."

"Do the transfers include  
everything the Sugar King has  
here?"

"Everything! Real estate,  
stocks, credits and the like. The  
family residence and other real  
estate go to his daughter Emma  
and his sons get the stock."

As to the transfer of some prop-  
erty to his children, Mr. Spreck-  
els said that the report was cor-  
rect, but the statement that he  
had disposed of all of his inter-  
ests in Hawaii, in that or any  
other manner, he absolutely and  
emphatically denied.

"I have given away a few mil-  
lions," he said, "but I have done  
that before, and I still have mil-  
lions left."

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